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1. [REDACTED] King Faruq's present attitude toward the below-listed political personalities is as follows:

- a. Fu'ad Siraj-al-Din Pasha, Minister of the Interior. The King at present holds Siraj-al-Din in great esteem. He looks on him without doubt as the Prime Minister's right hand man and, should Nahhas Pasha retire, the King would expect Siraj-al-Din to assume the post of Prime Minister, and would give him full support.
- b. 'Ali Zaki al-Orabi Pasha, President of the Senate. Faruq likes Zaki al-Orabi, but has no intention of giving him any important position in the future.
- c. Ibrahim 'Abd-al-Hadi Pasha, leader of the Saadists. The King is particularly bitter against 'Abd-al-Hadi. He feels that the latter, as an ex-Prime Minister, should have been the last person to indulge in attacks such as those that he has made against the King's entourage.
- d. Husayn Sirri Pasha, ex-President of the Senate. The King is still bitter against Sirri and this feeling is reciprocated. Although Mahmud Ghazali Bey, Governor of Cairo and a great friend of Sirri Pasha, is said to be trying to persuade the British that Sirri is still a future possibility as Prime Minister, there is no doubt that the King would never accept this.

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2. Relations between Faruq and the Opposition parties are as follows:

- a. The Liberal Constitutionalists, in particular Ali Alluba Pasha and Ahmad Muhammad Khassaba Pasha, are anxious to get back into royal favor. Faruq, however, is quite determined that the Opposition parties are to remain in disgrace until they stop the press campaign against him and his entourage and make an open

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apology, e.g., sign the palace register; when these are done, four or five Opposition members may become senators.

- b. The Saadiists so far have shown no desire to get back into the King's favor.

25X1X 3. Faruq's attitude toward allegations of discontent in the armed forces is the following, [REDACTED]

- a. The King is well aware that there is dissatisfaction in the armed forces and that morale is not what it should be; however, he is convinced that he need have no fear of their loyalty.

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